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Some systems for producing optical disks allow different disks to have different indicia. Some such systems provide for a step of selectively destroying pre-formatted regions. Such systems have a number of disadvantageous aspects. Systems which selectively destroy pre-formatted regions are inherently destructive and act to destroy, rather than creating recorded data. Such systems operate on pre-formatted regions, thus can not be formed by embossing (which typically occurs simultaneously with formatting). Such systems typically have a relatively coarse resolution, such as being unable to destroy only a single track, without destroying at least one adjacent track). Such systems typically rely on using a specialized device driver to read such a disk, and are typically infeasible for use in modem systems which use a SCSI driver an/or rely on an operating system (such as Windows 98, or the like), for disk read operations. Accordingly, it would be useful to provide a system which can provide disks that have not only information content-mastered data, but also individualizable, preferably unique, identifiers on each disk, using non-destructive track recording.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 13 with the following replacement paragraph:

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Some systems involve a key, code or decryption algorithm which is stored in a player device or host computer in a manner which can make it feasible to obtain the code, key or algorithm, or to defeat the protection procedure, by analyzing or modifying the player or host computer, thus potentially gaining access to any disk used in such player or host computer. Accordingly, it would be useful to provide a system in which access to a player or host key or code will not suffice, by itself, to obtain access to multiple different disks.

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As depicted in Fig. 2, typically a content owner 212, who may be, e.g., an author, composer, publisher, music or motion picture production company and the like, provides content 214 to a mastering facility 216. It is contemplated that typically the content 214 will be provided in unencrypted form, typically in digital form, although at least some features of the present invention can be used when content is provided in encrypted and/or in

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nondigital, e.g., analog, form. Although premastering 216 is depicted, in Fig. 2, as a separate unit from the content owner and the fabrication, it is possible for some or all units of production 112 to be provided by a single entity. Premastering 216 provides a number of items to an injection molding or other fabrication facility 218. In some embodiments, production of content involves encrypting or otherwise modifying the content. In other embodiments, content may be protected by merely setting or clearing read permission flags for various content which are recognized and enforced by media readers. In other embodiments, content may be protected by selectively encrypting or modifying file information such as a file allocation table (FAT) and the like. In the depicted embodiment, the protected content 222 is passed to the fabrication facility 218. Preferably, media information is also provided 224 which may include information such as type of media (video versus text versus audio and the like) format (both data encoding format and sector and similar information, i.e., media formatting information) and/or user-intended information (titles, authors, composers, artists, lengths or sizes of content and the like). In some embodiments, partial content-enablement keys or codes may be provided 226. For example, in some embodiments, it is desired to provide access permissions which are based on three or more items, such as a combination of a media serial number, a partial access code 226 and/or a stored access code (e.g., in exchange for payment as described below). In some embodiments, it may be desired to positively control access to all content, such that all content is associated either with a code preventing access or with a code denying access. In these configurations, when there is some content which should be initially available to a user (such as instructions on how to use disk, instructions on how to make payments and/or obtain access, advertisements or the like) appropriate codes permitting access to such information may be included 226. In other embodiments, default systems may be used, e.g., such that access to particular contents is denied unless access permission codes are stored on the disk or systems

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in which access to contents is always permitted unless a code denying access is stored on the disk.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page 9, line 15 with the following replacement paragraph:

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In the embodiment depicted in Fig. 5, after a first user 512 receives media (by any of the various distribution channels 114), the user 512 may make one or more copies, e.g., by copying onto a blank disk, which may be distributed to another user 514. The blank disk contains at least some writeable portion. In this way, some of the costs of copying, such as the cost of the blank disk, the time and facilities for making copies and the like, are borne by the user 512. In at least some configurations, the copy distributed to the second user 514 has at least some content which is not enabled, e.g., because the serial number stored on the second copy 232 will differ from the serial number on the source disk. Accordingly, the second user 514, in order to access the content, uses an enablement facility 118 to obtain appropriate access codes, preferably in exchange for payment, 516, e.g., as described more thoroughly below.

In the Claims

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, Attachment A provides marked up versions of the claims containing newly introduced changes.

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(Amended) A method for distribution of storable content comprising:
distributing information content-mastered media including at least said storable
content and a media identifier number, to a plurality of users including a first
user, wherein at least some of said storable content is readable by at least a
first media reader apparatus only in response to at least a first access code; and

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